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SUBJ: FONMIN MAVROS' RETURN FROM GENEVA: HIS FIRST REACTIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS TOLD ME AT AIRPORT UPON HIS ARRIVAL TONIGHT (JULY 31) FROM GENEVA THAT HE PLEASED WITH RESULT. WHILE RESUMPTION OF MEETINGS ON AUGUST 8, OF COURSE, WILL BE VITAL, HE FELT THAT HIS PARTING WITH GUNES TODAY WAS FRIENDLY AND SINCERE, AND HE NOW QUITE HOPEFUL WITH REGARD TO FUTURE. MAVROS SAID AMBASSADOR BUFFUM HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL, FOR WHICH HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE.

2. MAVROS' AIDE, AMBASSADOR BATSIOS, HOWEVER, WHO JOINED US AT THIS POINT NOTED THAT THE GENEVA DECLARATION ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE BEGINNING. HE SAID IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT THE TURKS WOULD COME UP WITH AT RESUMED MEETING. THUS, HE INDICATED FINAL JUDGMENT HAD TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

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3. MAVROS SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO MAKARIOS ON THE PHONE AFTER THE MEETING IN GENEVA AND THAT THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT. IN EXPLAINING GOG POSITION, MAVROS CALLED MAKARIOS A MOST INTELLIGENT MAN WHO REMAINS PREDISDN'T OF CYPRUS. WHEN HE WILL RETURN TO CYPRUS, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED NOW.

4. WHEN TURKISH AMBASSADOR GURUN THEN JOINED US, MAVROS GREETED HIM WARMLY SAYING "NOW GREECE AND TURKEY COULD AND SHOULD BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER."

5. AT PRESS CONVERENCE WHICH FOLLOWED, MAVROS WAS ASKED SEVERAL TOUGH QUESTIONS SUCH AS "DID THE DECLARATION SELL OUT COMPLETELY GREEK/CYPRIOT INTERESTS?" HE REPLIED TO THESE QUESTIONS IN MOST GENERAL MANNER. CLEARLY HE WILL HAVE PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD.

6. PRIOR TO MAVROS' ARRIVAL, MFA SYG VLACHOS DISCUSSED IMPENDING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE STATED HE HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GREEK DELEGATION TO TAKE POSITION THAT GENEVA DECLARATION REPRESENTS BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTION 353. THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER SC ACTION. THERE IS CONCERN HERE, WHICH BRITISH SHARE, THAT SOVIET INITIATIVE AND WALDHEIM WAFFLING COULD CLOUD EVEN EXISTING SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATE. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS IF TURKISH MILITARY DID NOT EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND ABIDE BY GENEVA DECLARATION. VLACHOS ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT CYPRUS SHOULD NOW JOIN NATO. I DID NOT ENCOURAGE AT ALL THIS MOST UNTIMELY NOTION.

7. FURTHER DETAILS OF PRESS CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. TASCA

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